

**Robert Orme to George Washington, August 25, 1755,
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FROM CAPTAIN ROBERT ORME.

Augt. ye. 25th. 1755.

MY DEAR GEORGE

Your Letter gave me infinite Pleasure as every Mark of your Friendship & Remembrance ever will do for believe me I shall ever, however separated, cultivate as close an Intercourse as our Distance will permit. I thought you very long before you wrote and fear'd some Accident which your ill State of Health at parting from us seem to confirm. The Part of your Letter mentioning the Reflections upon the General gives me much uneasiness tho' I feel a Contempt for the Detractors which alleviates in some Degree my Concern I know the ignorant and rascally C D. is one promoter through Resentment and Malevolence, and the thick head Baronet another intending to build his Character upon the Ruins of one much more amiable than his can be. For my Part I judge it a Duty to vindicate the Memory of a Man whom I greatly and deservedly esteemed and I think every Man whom he regarded should be his Advocate keeping literally to Facts which must always improve the goodness of his Disposition. I am convinced the Affection he bore you as well as your Integrity and good Nature will make you assiduous in removing those abominable Prejudices the generality of People have imbibed and publish. It is very hard the Bluntness and openness of a Man's Temper should be called Brutality and that he who would hear

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Opinions more freely than any Man should be accused of Obstinacy and Peremptoriness.

In short in a thousand Particulars I find such Lies and Opposites that I will say no more—¹

Pray write to me in Philadelphia and direct at the Governor's and to me in London in Hollis Street sending me from time to time the American News and commanding my Services in England which will ever give me the greatest Happiness.

Colo. Burton and Morris desire their Compliments & I am

My dear George Yr. most affectionate Friend ROBERT ORME

¹ Considering the opinion in which General Braddock's character has been held, it is a pleasure to be able to produce testimony that may vindicate his memory, and it is an especially agreeable instance of the loyal impulse of the generous heart of Robert Orme.